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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Termination of Pregnancy

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 27th April 2021.

You Asked for:

Please send me the following information from your NHS Standard Contract for Termination of Pregnancy:

1. What is the current contract end date?
2. When did your organisation (or predecessor organisation) last tender (put out to procurement) its Termination of Pregnancy (abortion) services?
3. If the contract for these services has been renewed without re-tendering, how many times has it been renewed and when was the last time?
4. Are there any plans currently under development or in place to tender for this service? (Please supply minutes/notes of any relevant meetings or decision-making processes, policies etc.)
5. How do you envisage Integrated Care Systems (ICS) affecting how you commission termination of pregnancy services?
6. How much do you currently pay for Termination of Pregnancy procedures?
7. Who is the current provider/s for termination of pregnancy services?
8. What is the current annual contract value?
9. Who is the current commissioning manager (name and email address)?

Our Response:

1. Termination of Pregnancy Services (TOPS) are provided by Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH) and the contract end date is 31/03/2022. NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) also manage the collaborative contract offering a choice of provider through a Central Booking Service which is managed by the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS). The contract for 2021/2022 has yet to be finalised and is in essence under implied terms until 31/03/2022.
2. This service has not been out to tender.
3. Not applicable.
4. There are no plans in place to tender this service.
5. It is not yet clear how the development of Integrated Care Systems (ICS) will affect the commissioning of termination of pregnancy services. However, we do expect that

commissioners will continue to collaborate within the direct area of the ICS (and wider) to agree what gets commissioned at scale and at 'place'. Where there are existing collaborative commissioning arrangements in place, these are likely to continue at least into the initial year of the ICS's.

6. Please see the table below:

Early medical abortion (EMA)	£332.80
Medical abortion - up to 18 weeks	£528.07
Medical abortion - 19 weeks +	£1,105.48
Surgical CS - up to 14 weeks	£334.90
Surgical CS - 15 weeks +	£524.92
Surgical abortion LA	£334.90
Surgical GA - up to 14 weeks	£334.90
Surgical GA - 15 to 18 weeks	£524.92
Surgical GA - 19 weeks +	£1,610.46

7. Please see the answer to question number 1.

8. The 2021/2022 contract value is £283,060.

9. Ian Davis is the Commissioning Manager and can be contacted on WICCG.InTouch@nhs.net.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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